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## Access to Safe Drinking Water for Anselmo Residents

The Village of Anselmo in Custer County, Nebraska had two wells which were able to meet average and maximum daily demands. However, the water quality of these wells did not meet the Safe Drinking Water Act for arsenic levels and was issued an Administrative Order on May 26, 2009. Also, the water did not meet the secondary limits of manganese. The evidenced health need in Anselmo worsened with the drought, which increased arsenic levels.

The village qualified for an Emergency Community Water Assistant Grant in addition to USDA Rural Development Loans. This constructed new walls, installed and replaced lines, and added meters to the



The new lagoon system in Anselmo, NE.

water system. These efforts put the Village of Anselmo in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Water projects underscore the ongoing need for sanitary water needs in rural America and the need for continued investment.

**Obligation Amount:** Loan: \$306,000 and \$25,000 Grant: \$264,000 (ECWAG)

**Date of Obligation:** June 29, 2010; June 30, 2010; and July 30, 2012

Congressional District: Representative Smith, District 3; US Senator Deb Fischer and US Senator Ben Sasse

Partners: N/A

**Demographics:** Village of Anselmo residents.

**Impact:** A water system that provides safe drinking water and installation of meters.